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- The results of the research ---- that, presently, several East Asian countries ---- rapidly.
 - have indicated / were developing
 - indicate / are developing
 - are indicated / have been developing
 - were indicated / had developed
 - had indicated / developed
- Understandably, her friends ---- when Julia married someone else after being engaged to John for two years.
 - are surprising
 - were surprised
 - surprised
 - will be surprised
 - had surprised
- The facsimile ---- when the secretary returns from lunch.
 - will be sent
 - is going to send
 - should have sent
 - was being sent
 - has been sent
- Animals ---- to survive in the wild, rather than kept in captivity.
 - are helping
 - have been helping
 - should be helped
 - could be helping
 - ought to have helped
- Because James ---- to physical work, he ---- after he had spent a week on the farm.
 - isn't accustomed / might be exhausted
 - hadn't accustomed / had exhausted
 - won't be accustomed / will be exhausted
 - hasn't accustomed / has exhausted
 - wasn't accustomed / was exhausted
- Films of violence ---- on television until after 9.30 at night, the time when the majority of children - -- to bed.
 - cannot be shown / went
 - aren't being shown / had gone
 - didn't use to be shown / are going
 - shouldn't be shown / go
 - needn't be shown / have gone
- Normal climbing boots slip in icy conditions, so climbers ---- iron plates with spikes, known as crampons, to their boots.
 - should be fixed
 - have to fix
 - have been fixed
 - used to fix
 - must be fixed
- "Fragile, handle with care" ---- on the package, but still the contents of the parcel ---- when it arrived.
 - had written / would be broken
 - is being written / will be broken
 - was written / were broken
 - would have written / had broken
 - has been written / could break
- An apple tree ---- fruit until it is five to eight years old.
 - did not bear
 - was not bearing
 - has not been borne
 - does not bear
 - will not be borne
- The hill where Jane Austen set one of her romances ---- Box Hill because of the box trees which ---- there.
 - calls / are grown
 - has been calling / grew
 - used to call / used to grow
 - are calling / were growing
 - is called / grow

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11. Your chances of success in an examination ---- if you ---- the course work thoroughly.
- A) enhance / are revised
 - B) were enhancing / revised
 - C) had enhanced / were revising
 - D) could be enhanced / would revise
 - E) are enhanced / revise
12. When he ---- an essay on time for once, his professor ---- him a look of surprise.
- A) handed / gave
 - B) was handed / was giving
 - C) is handed / will be given
 - D) has handed / would give
 - E) hands / is given
13. You ---- plenty of time in case the bus ----; otherwise, you'll risk missing your ferry.
- A) must have allowed / delays
 - B) used to allow / delayed
 - C) ought to be allowed / has delayed
 - D) had better allow / is delayed
 - E) were allowed / was delayed
14. It's true that happiness ---- with money, but some money ---- life easier
- A) mustn't be bought / made
 - B) shouldn't bought / has made
 - C) can't be bought / makes
 - D) doesn't buy / is making
 - E) hasn't been bought / is made
15. Cells ---- for the first time by the English scientist Robert Hooke, who, in 1665, ---- a book about his findings.
- A) were described / published
 - B) had described / would have published
 - C) could be described / was published
 - D) has described / had published
 - E) would be described / could be published
16. Portland cement, when it ---- with water, ---- a paste that binds sand, gravel and stone into a rock-like mass called concrete.
- A) will be combined / formed
 - B) has combined / is formed
 - C) was combined / was formed
 - D) combines / has been formed
 - E) is combined / forms
17. The twentieth century, now nearing its end, ---- the century when mankind ---- to realise that the Earth's resources are limited
- A) was / was coming
 - B) will be / had come
 - C) has been / has come
 - D) had been / came
 - E) will have been / is coming
18. Up to now, the equipment ---- regularly, but from now on, we ---- it before every outing.
- A) wasn't checked / are checking
 - B) hasn't checked / will be checking
 - C) isn't being checked / should be checked
 - D) hasn't been checked / are going to check
 - E) hadn't checked / have to be checked
19. Judging from the speed of mechanisation, it ---- that very few things in the world ---- by hand in the twenty-first century
- A) has been predicted / will be making
 - B) can be predicted / will be made
 - C) will be predicted / were made
 - D) is being predicted / have been made
 - E) is predicting / will have been made
20. Considering the major resources we ---- with for the project, we ---- a wonderful job.
- A) had been provided / did
 - B) were provided / can do
 - C) have been provided / used to do
 - D) will be provided / have done
 - E) provided / will be doing

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21. Solutions to the problem of unemployment ----, but none of the measures that ---- so far has been very successful.
- A) have sought / will be tired
 - B) will be sought / have been trying
 - C) had been seeking / were trying
 - D) are being sought / have been tried
 - E) have been seeking / are tried
22. Africa's population growth rate is much higher than the world average and it ---- that, by the year 2050, Africa ---- for twenty-one per cent of the world's population.
- A) has estimated / account
 - B) was estimating / had been accounting
 - C) will be estimated / accounted
 - D) will have estimated / is accounting
 - E) is estimated / will account
23. Following stricter "drink driving" regulations, the number of accidents which ---- drunk drivers --- significantly.
- A) have been involved / is reduced
 - B) involve / has been reduced
 - C) were involved / was reducin
 - D) are involved / is reducing
 - E) involved / has been reducing
24. I managed to translate most of the letter for you, but I ---- stuck on one or two sentences.
- A) am getting
 - B) get
 - C) got
 - D) was getting
 - E) will get
25. The world's first dental school, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, ---- by two Americans, Horace Hayden and Chapin Harris, in 1839.
- A) would have founded
 - B) was founding
 - C) was founded
 - D) had founded
 - E) would be founding
26. The works of Shakespeare ---- into every major language in the world.
- A) are going to translate
 - B) have been translated
 - C) had translated
 - D) had been translating
 - E) will have translated
27. He ---- about this meeting for weeks, so I don't know why he ---- anything for it yet.
- A) is known / isn't preparing
 - B) was known / doesn't prepare
 - C) knows / didn't prepare
 - D) has known / hasn't prepared
 - E) knew / hadn't prepared
28. There were such a lot of different things to do at the resort where we ---- our holiday that none of us ----.
- A) spent / was bored
 - B) were spending / bored
 - C) were spent / had bored
 - D) have spent / could be bored
 - E) spend / are bored
29. A place ---- for you, Madam, as soon as you ---- the deposit.
- A) has been reserved / will pay
 - B) reserved / had paid
 - C) is reserving / are paid
 - D) is reserved / were paid
 - E) will be reserved / have paid
30. There is no way you ---- all of your project in an hour, so you ----the most important points and talk about those.
- A) should be covered / ought to choose
 - B) used to cover / can choose
 - C) must cover / will be chosen
 - D) ought to cover / have chosen
 - E) can cover / had better choose

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31. If a person ---- in more food than required to meet the body's needs, the excess calories ---- to fat
- A) will take / have converted
 - B) takes / are converted
 - C) is taken / convert
 - D) has taken / were converted
 - E) was taken / had converted
32. Because I ---- up in a house next to the main railway line, I rarely get disturbed by noises during the night.
- A) was brought
 - B) had brought
 - C) have been bringing
 - D) used to bring
 - E) am bringing
33. Women ---- dress design until the last half of the 19th century.
- A) were dominated
 - B) have dominated
 - C) dominated
 - D) are dominating
 - E) would be dominated
34. Luckily, he realized that he had forgotten his passport in time to return to the hotel and collect it; otherwise, we ---- for the flight
- A) must not have accepted
 - B) ought not to be accepted
 - C) hadn't been accepted
 - D) couldn't have been accepted
 - E) needn't have accepted
35. Everybody was very concerned when one of the representatives ---- halfway through the main course.
- A) will collapse
 - B) is collapsing
 - C) has collapsed
 - D) collapses
 - E) collapsed